(b) if so, the gap between demand and supply during 2004-2005, 2005-06 and 2006-07; and

(c) the shortfall in power generation during each of the above years due to required supply of coal not being made?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) During the year 2007-08 (April-October, 2007) coal receipt at the thermal power stations was of the order of 85% of the linkage required for consumption and building the stock upto normative level.

(b) The total coal linkage and receipt at the thermal power stations of power utilities during the last three years was as under:-

(Figures in Million Tonnes)

Year	Coal Linkage	Coal Receipt	% Receipt
2004-05	304.24	280.60	92.2
2005-06	317.41	292.63	92.2
2006-07	338.56	303.30	89.6

(c) The generation loss due to shortage of coal during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 by the power stations in the country, was as under:—

2004-05	3588.0 Million Units
2005-06	1653.5 Million Units
2006-07	Nil

Shortage of scientists

†144. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of ban on the recruitment of scientists, acute shortage of scientists is being felt in the country;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government for recruitment of scientists and the target regarding recruitment of scientists;

(c) the number of group 'A' and group 'B' (Gazetted) officers at present; and

(d) whether this number is adequate, keeping in view the total number of scientists?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Stimulating the demand for indigenous technology products

145. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations in the report of the Principal Scientific Advisor, on stimulating the demand for indigenous technology products;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.